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DA Suggests Outside Ruling On Budget

District Attorney Matthew Ryan's office has today advised the 15-member Town Council to immediately conduct a special meeting and possibly seek outside legal assistance to determine whether or not portions of the approved town budget are illegal.

District Attorney Responds

Town Council President Paul M. Fieldstad today confirmed that the council has received a letter from Ryan's office concerning a protest filed by councilor Donald Rheault that Town Manager Richard Bowen's \$21 million budget package contains departmental reorganization and increases in water and sewer fees through illegal processes.

According to Fieldstad, the council will convene in special session Friday evening to discuss Ryan's letter and also to "clean-up the mess we left Monday night concerning two employees who may lose their jobs" unless the council acts to fund the positions.

"Mr. Ryan's letter is only a part of why I have called this meeting," Fieldstad said. "We also have to decide on whether or not to fund two positions filled by people who have served the town well over the years."

The letter from the District Attorney's Office would not dispute recent rulings submitted on the budget by Town Attorney Lambert Ollari "at this time," but did suggest to the council to hold the special meeting and consider the hiring of independent legal advice.

The letter said, "It would appear at the present time a legitimate controversy exists."

Ryan's Office recommends that because of the eleventh hour nature of the budgetary period (the new fiscal year begins July 1), "the best resolution of this problem would be for the council to seek independent legal advice."

Rheault Set To Reiterate Stand

When asked for comment on the situation, Rheault said, "When the council refused to listen to my first warning, then I took my case to the District Attorney's Office. Now I'm going back to the council for a second time."

Rheault read the council several verses from the General Laws on the creation and elimination of new departments and the increases of the water and sewer fees on June 1. The council voted 13-2 to adopt Bowen's budget, with Rheault and councilwoman Elaine Bonavita dissenting.

Councilor Richard Theroux criticized Rheault's attempt to overrule Bowen's budget through the DA's office and said of Friday's special meeting, "Is it one councilor who is pushing this or is it the entire council who has a question on the budget, which was passed 13-2?"

Also on Friday's agenda is a proposal sponsored by Fieldstad to provide 28 municipal department heads with across-the-board pay raises of 9 percent.

The council scrapped Bowen's consultant-based pay scale on Monday and also defeated a \$1,500 across-the-board increase too.

"I just didn't think it was fair to treat the department heads that way," Fieldstad remarked, "so I put it on the agenda for the council to consider again."

"If they want to lower the percentage, fine, but I do believe they deserve a raise like everyone else who works for the town got."

One of the two positions which will not have funds as of July 1 is a community nurse, which was charter objected by Rheault on Monday evening when Bowen reinstated the slot to the council.

The second, belonging to Parks and Recreation Director John Kunasek, was also charter objected by Rheault because Bowen now has Kunasek working under Julian Miodowski, the new head of the newly-created Department of Public Properties.

COMMENTARY... Resignation By Bowen Places Govt. In Doubt

By Stephen Gazillo

The surprise resignation of Town Manager Richard J. Bowen raises serious questions concerning the future of our government here. How the council will act now is critical.

Bowen's stunning statements that ended Town Council's stormy meeting Monday evening had both politicians and observers alike scurrying about trying to put the situation into proper perspective.

Bowen offered no concrete reasons for his resignation, other than he had decided to attend law school in September. However, the political climate here combined with Bowen's concern for relocating his family to Agawam had to play a key role in the announcement.

As for council action, the Town Charter provides specific guidelines for the course of action to pursue:

"Any vacancy in the office of the town manager shall be filled as soon as possible by town council: and meanwhile they shall appoint a suitable person as temporary town manager to perform the duties of the office. Such temporary appointment may not exceed three months, but one additional renewal of three months may be voted by the town council not to exceed a second three months."

Though Mr. Bowen will not be leaving his position until September, it is incumbent upon Town Council to begin the process of selecting a new manager immediately.

The reasons are simple: Can the town afford to go a period of nine months without a permanent appointment, such as what transpired when former Manager Peter Caputo resigned?

The work of Acting Town Manager Edward Caba during the period we were without a manager is certainly worthy of praise, and it could be that Mr. Caba will be called upon again if an appointment is not made by September.

Mr. Caba's qualifications, his ability to fill the slot and act capably are not at issue.

Rather, questions have been raised concerning the referendum item this fall. There is talk of changing our form of government - possibly to install a mayor charter if voters so desire.

It would seem, that the events of recent days have propelled this smoldering argument back to the open fires of debate.

To stall the selection of a new manager simply because there may be a referendum on a possible charter change is a mistake. There are laws which currently should be abided by, and a system is in place which should be upheld.

Should we expect anything less of our public officials then that they work hard to support and uphold the government they are a part of? It is up to the voters to decide in November what form of government we will have.

It has been suggested that a new manager might be discouraged to come to Agawam because of the referendum. Why should the person take the job if they think it might be voted obsolete in November?

Our past managers have come to Agawam under conditions that are virtually the same as they are now. A referendum has already been placed on the ballot once, and it did not seem to have any bearing on the performance of the manager.

What is important is for the business of the town to continue at an optimum level. Efforts should be concentrated on finding the best person for the job, nothing else.

While this government may be under fire, it is obvious the sooner the slot is filled the better.



Town Manager Richard J. Bowen stunning announcement Monday night has put Town Council in an interesting position. Bowen says he will be attending law school this fall. His resignation is effective September 1.



Will Town Clerk Edward Caba be named acting manager for a third time if Town Council fails to appoint a new manager to take over September 1.

Council Defeats Officials' Hikes During Stormy Special Session

Town Council, following a climactic exchange of searing verbal accusations between several councilors and Town Manager Richard J. Bowen, has killed proposed pay raises for 28 municipal department heads and supervisors.

Unruly Debate

Councilors voted 7-5 during an unruly debate to defeat Bowen's phased-in pay scale, and also rejected a proposal by Councilor Donald Rheault to provide \$1,500 in across-the-board increases for town hall officials.

Bowen's controversial consultant study from Yarger Associates of Virginia, costing the town \$10,000, was the cornerstone of the administration's battle to increase the salaries of senior town hall officials.

The council action marked a severe setback for the Bowen administration.

Bowen had budgeted \$55,000 in the fiscal 1981-82 budget for the increases and had received first approval from the council before the situation steadily eroded against the Yarger Report.

The average increase for each administrator under the plan was 9 percent and a maximum increase of \$3,000.

Because the increases were in ordinance form, Bowen needed a two-thirds vote of the council and it was widely acknowledged prior to the meeting that the proposed raises were in serious trouble.

Councilor Walter T. Kerr launched a series of attacks on Bowen and the Yarger Report, saying that Bowen had presented the council with misleading data on the pay scale.

Questions Bowen's Honesty

Kerr said, "Let's have some truth here. We're being fed a lot of baloney. The information sent out by the Manager was used to sell this deal."

Kerr's remarks drew harsh comments from Bowen, who said the questioning of "my honesty is disgusting."

Rheault, a staunch critic of Bowen in recent weeks, claimed the Yarger Report was riddled with inequities and disparities.

Rheault, in a heated exchange with Bowen, pointed out that the pay plan would establish three department head positions at \$35,600 over a period of time.

"The next thing that will happen is that because my employees make this money now it's my turn of get a raise," Rheault said, inferring that Bowen at some point would be approaching the council for more money.

Bowen again, as in past weeks, remained adamant that the community must establish a fair and equitable pay scale, and said the Yarger Report offers the town a comprehensive plan to deal with increases for administrators.

Councilor Andrew C. Gallano told councilors that failure to grant an administrative pay raise would result in the formation of a bargaining unit comprised of the 28 department heads and supervisors.

Gallano warned, "One group in this town is being treated unfairly and it would not surprise me at all if they organize. Something has to be done to address this issue and we're just putting it off for another day."

Last November Bowen approached the council for pay increases for the town's top administrators but was shot down.

Appropriated Funds

The council soon after voted to appropriate funds for a consultant's study on the issue.

Bowen has repeatedly said that failure to pass the recommended pay plan was questioning his professionalism by the council. The Manager has stressed the present system of compensating administrators "as you go along" remains a poor method to deal with compensating high town officials.

On the Rheault across-the-board increase, which was defeated 7-5, Councilors Alfred Trehey, Robert DeForge, Council President Paul Fieldstad, and Kerr joined Rheault in favoring the \$1,500 increase.

Dissenting were Councilors Paul Paleologopoulos, Francis Colli, John Bartnik, Richard Theroux, Stephen Cincotta, Frederick Nardi, and Gallano.

On Bowen's pay plan, Councilors Gallano, Colli, Bartnik, Cincotta and Paleologopoulos voted in favor and Councilors Nardi, Rheault, Theroux, Trehey, DeForge, Fieldstad, and Kerr voted against.

Administrators Vow To Organize For Fair Play

Two spokesmen representing the town's 28 department heads and supervisors reacted angrily today to Town Council's denial of Town Manager Richard J. Bowen's pay plan at a special meeting Monday night.

Not only did the council reject Bowen's staggered pay scale, based on a consultant's study conducted by Yarger Associates of Virginia, but also defeated \$1,500 across-the-board pay hikes for administrators.

Town Treasurer David Gallano today told the *Advertiser/News* that the council's actions will force the administrators to organize into an association which Gallano claims was recognized by former Town Manager Peter Caputo in 1979.

"We were duly recognized by former Manager Caputo as an association, but since that time we felt there was no need to organize and push for a collective bargaining agreement," Gallano said.

"But under the circumstances, we feel the time has come for us to join into an association to get fair treatment from the council," he added.

Gallano said the department heads and supervisors have sided with the administration on their pay raises in the past but said, "The department heads still run this town whether we have a town manager or a council. We have to take responsibility for the town's day-to-day running and we are being treated poorly."

Gallano accused the council of basing its refusal of the Yarger Report on personalities and politics, rather than the merits of the study which was strongly supported by Bowen.

The plan would provide administrators with an average increase of 9 percent and a maximum increase of \$3,000 for fiscal 1981-82.

Gallano said the \$65,000 allocated in Bowen's budget for the pay hikes would remain in a moot stage and put into free cash for fiscal 1982-83 unless the administration elected to transfer the funds into another account with the council's approval.

Julian Miodowski, Director of Building Maintenance, supported Gallano's criticisms of the council and said the negotiating committee for the administrators would be meeting shortly to plan strategy on how to deal with future pay increases.

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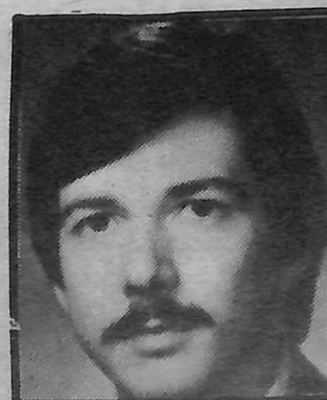
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A Part Of Life...

By Peter Forastiere
 Colonial
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LEARNING TO MANAGE THE LOSS

This is the second article of a two-part series on experiencing and managing grief. Today I will discuss ten areas which can be helpful to one who is learning to manage the loss.

PROMOTE THE GRIEF WORK...

Face the crisis actively so as to realize the full reality of what has happened. Viewing the body, discussing the death with friends at the visitation, you can begin to accept the permanency of the loss.

SURROUND YOURSELF WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY...

You need warmth and support of friends throughout the grief stages. Do not be afraid to cry with them. Receiving friends at the funeral home is one way to allow others to show they care. Let them know you appreciate their concern.

AVOID MEDICATION SUCH AS SEDATIVES...

Although drugs may provide some needed relief, they must not be taken for the purpose of avoiding grief entirely. Remember, the "grief work" must be done in order to make the adjustment.

REFRAIN FROM MAKING HASTY DECISIONS...

Immediately taking a trip or changing your residence is not the answer. You must cope with the loss first; "running away" will not help.

RECALL THE UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS...

Sometimes bereaved individuals feel the solution to the grief is to attempt to forget. However, it is good to recall the life of the deceased.

CONSULT WITH PROFESSIONALS IF GRIEF BECOMES INTENSE...

Feel free to contact your clergyman, physician, or funeral director. They are excellent listeners. Those familiar with the grief process may provide counsel.

AVOID RELYING TOTALLY ON THE ADVICE OF FRIENDS...

Often, well-meaning friends may be unfamiliar with the stages of grief or unaware of your true needs. Realize their intentions are certainly in your interest but sometimes their advice can be misdirected.

SHARE YOUR FEELINGS WITH OTHERS...

Relate your problems and memories to those who will listen. Revealing your thoughts openly helps to alleviate emotional pain.

ESTABLISH GOALS FOR YOURSELF...

Concentrating on serving others and developing new interests will relieve your loneliness and give new purpose to your life. Become a volunteer, seek further education, increase your involvement in work, and join service or travel clubs as ways of adding new meaning to your life.

MAINTAIN HOPE...

Paint a realistic picture of what pain you may face. The "grief work" will help to overcome the intensified pressures of grief. Eventually, you will remember the good times, and the bad ones will fade. Remember, when death comes, part of the deceased lives on with the survivor.

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School Board Update

By Joanne Brown

Among several items reviewed at the School Committee's June 23 meeting was the status of Superintendent of Schools Louis Hebert's doctoral studies. Committee member Thomas Ennis had requested an update.

Hebert reported that the three-member board judging his dissertation had approved suggested revisions and were currently reading the last chapter. He estimated he has "one hour's more work."

In response to Ennis' query on why the process has taken over 1½ years since Hebert first came to Agawam, he replied, "I am at the mercy of the three people involved with the reading as to time they're available and time required for them to read my dissertation which is 500 pages."

He predicted he'd be granted his doctorate "by the end of July."

A slight verbal flurry erupted when Ennis implied his attaining a doctorate was part of the contract signed with the town back in 1979. Hebert flatly denied that there was an contractual requirement for him to get a doctorate.

Ennis replied that "all of the committee" understood that requirement to be part of the "spirit of negotiations."

Former committee chairman Richard Borgatti, who played the role of chief negotiator with Hebert, was absent from the meeting.

Also at Tuesday's meeting, School Department Attorney John Teahan advised the committee that a charge of prohibited labor practice recently filed with the state's Labor Relations Commission by an Agawam substitute teacher against Supt. Hebert has been dismissed.

Teahan indicated that the LRC reviewed evidence

including personal testimony by Hebert and himself along with affidavits from Middle School Principal Charles Kistner, Vice-Principal Charles Corcoran, and Business Manager James Coon and then dismissed the charge.

The substitute had charged that a salary increase had been denied her because of her activities in attempting to organize a union for substitute teachers in town.

A letter from Ann DuDalt, executive secretary of the LRC, states that, though a conversation in which the woman's organizational campaign was discussed apparently took place between her and Kistner, the investigation did not establish probable cause to believe a salary raise was denied in retaliation for such activity.

Also at last Tuesday's meeting, approval was granted 6-0 to the implementation of a seven-period day at Agawam High School. Hebert assured the committee that the length of the school day will not change, only the length of individual class periods.

Class periods will average 44 minutes each with the additional one expected to provide students with a greater opportunity to take more courses.

Scheduling had occurred prior to school being dismissed. Hebert reported that students surprisingly had selected "harder courses" such as computer languages, enrollment in which jumped so much that an additional teacher will be necessary. He noted that in areas such as art where he expected increases enrollment figures actually decreased.

The total overall length of instructional time for teachers will not increase, according to Hebert, and the passing time between classes will remain at four minutes.



The girth of the African baobab tree is so great, that one has been hollowed out and used as a bus shelter.

Baseball Videos Shown At Two Local Lounges

The current baseball strike has proven a bonus to Jessica's and the Buccaneer Lounges of Agawam.

The two owners, Bob Zimmerman of Jessica's and Frank Fila of the Buccaneer, have Lyn Donovan video taping games played by teams sponsored by both establishments in the Men's Adult Softball League. These games are being shown afterwards and have been acclaimed an instant success.

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Heidi Stroshine was recently engaged.

Heidi Stroshine Engaged To Wed

Mrs. Christl Stroshine of Meadow Street, Agawam, has announced the engagement of her daughter Heidi to Brian Blackak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Blackak of Meadow Street, Agawam.

Miss Stroshine is a graduate of Ludlow High School and attended Gannon University, Erie, Pennsylvania. She is currently employed by Dairy Mart and will resume her studies this fall at American International College.

Mr. Blackak is a graduate of Agawam High School and is employed by the Town of Agawam.

A June 4, 1982, wedding is planned.



Clyde Light - Beekeeper of the Year.

F.H. Man Named Top Beekeeper

Clyde Light of 1123 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, was awarded the Massachusetts Beekeeper of the Year honor at the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Federation of Beekeepers held last Saturday in Danvers.

Nominated by the Hampden County Beekeepers Association, Light won the award which is traditionally given to the beekeeper who has demonstrated expertise in the field and has done the most to promote beekeeping. He was presented a plaque by Liz Warren, chairman of the 5-member award committee who selected Light from among all the candidates nominated by numerous local associations.

Light has several hundred colonies of bees used for pollination and honey production. His products are sold at local markets, stores, and at his apiary on North Westfield Street. He also donates honeybees to those persons who engage in bee venom therapy.

Light may be contacted for advice on bee-related problems or for information on honeybees.



Mrs. Antoinette Marmo

Miss Wojnarowicz Weds Tom Marmo

St. John the Evangelist Church, Agawam, was the setting on June 20, 1981, for the wedding of Antoinette Wojnarowicz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Wojnarowicz of 29 Senator Avenue, to Thomas E. Marmo, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Marmo of 14 Bradford Drive.

Lynn Wysocki acted as maid of honor, and brother of the groom James Marmo stood as best man.

The bride is a graduate of Agawam High School and of Bay Path Junior College. She is presently employed as a secretary at Jen-Coat, Inc., in Westfield.

The groom is also a graduate of Agawam High and of United Technical School. He is employed by Cummins North Atlantic in West Springfield as a diesel technician.

The couple plans to reside in Agawam.

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Our belated congratulations go out to MARK J. MORRISON, son of MARION & JAMES MORRISON of 135 School Street, Agawam. Mark was recently awarded a full college scholarship from the United States Navy.

A member of the National Honor Society, Math League, and As Schools Match Wits team, Mark plans to enter the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, majoring in chemical engineering and computer science. He will enter the four year engineering college in the fall, be sworn in as a mid-shipman in the Navy, and carry the full load of courses as well as a naval detachment at Holy Cross for naval science and drills.

In return, Mark's responsibility is to fulfill four years of active duty, followed by 2 years on reserve duty as a trained officer in the Navy.

He was presented a Certificate of Achievement for his "outstanding academic and personal achievements," along with the college scholarship. Again, our sincere congratulations to an outstanding Agawam High School graduate. Best of luck in the future, Mark!

Another Agawam senior makes the news this week - SANDI NASCEMBENI, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. BART NASCEMBENI of 7 Spring Street, has tied for first place in the Talent America contest held recently at the Yankee Pedlar Inn. Sandi has a rich, throaty voice and is well-known to Agawam High Students for her talented performances in many of the school's music programs.

As a finalist, Sandi now moves on to New York City where she will compete for Talent of the Year recognition. Sandi plans to sing a number, she does beautifully, "New York, New York." Choosing this particular song should add special meaning to both the lyrics and her total performance. We wish her all the best and know she will do well.

Get well wishes go out to SHIRLEY ANDERSON of Corey Colonial who fell recently and is home recuperating. We certainly hope she is out and around, "sticking her nose into things again," soon.

Graduating with honors from Becket Junior College in Worcester recently was MARIE LA FRANCIS, daughter of MR. AND MRS. NELSON LA FRANCIS of 68 Silver Lake Drive, Agawam. She received an Associates Degree in the Physical Therapy Assistant program. Recently, Becket Junior College was credited with having the best PTA program in the country.

Marie has accepted a position with FLACC Collaborative, a division of the Monson Developmental Research Center and will be working in the care and treatment of young, handicapped adults. All the best to you, Marie.

Happy birthday wishes to out to EDGAR REGNIER of 10 Franklin Street, Feeding Hills from his six children and 11 grandchildren. Edgar was 60 years old on June 10th and a belated party was held Sunday in his honor.

Edgar has been active in town affairs for over 30 years. His involvement has included: traffic duty at Sacred Heart Church, Commissioner of Sacred Heart Athletics, Park Commissioner, Coach in the Agawam Parks Football League, Truant Officer for the schools, as well as many other accomplishments.

Birthday wishes to an active, involved, yet still young citizen.

LINDA & RICHARD MANDEVILLE of Liswell Drive, Feeding Hills have a new daughter. NICOLE was born on June 2, weighing 8 pounds. Her brother, ZACHARY, thinks she is just great.

Grandparents are ELEANOR MANDEVILLE, of Harvey Johnson Drive, DR. & MRS. ROBERT WILSON, of New Jersey, and ALVIN OLEBAUM of California. Great Grandmother, ESTHER WINPLER, lives in Hollywood, Florida. Welcome to the world, Nicole!

CAROL & MIKE MUTTI of 63 High Street, Agawam also have a new baby. Their son, JASON MICHAEL, arrived on June 14 and weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 21 1/2 long.

Jason grandparents are TERRY & JOAN EAGAN of 4 Maple Street and DANTE & KATHY MUTTI of Anthony Street.

There are blue ribbons all over the front yard, for Jason is their first child and the first grandchild in the family. Welcome to a blue ribbon baby!

You are welcome to send items of interest to Penny Stone, 72 Federal Street, Agawam. 01001 or by calling her at 786-9144. If you cannot reach Penny, call the newspaper office at 786-7747.



Patrolman Hank Drewnowski (third from left) and son Michael, are greeted at Hank's retirement party by friends Joe Mendes and Tony Strycharz. Photo by Jack Devine.

Drewnowski Feted At Retirement Party

A testimonial dinner was held on June 13th at Oak Ridge Country Club for Patrolman Henry A. Drewnowski on the occasion of his retirement from the Agawam Police Department. Drewnowski was appointed to the department on March 1, 1953, and graduated from the State Police Training School in Framingham in November, 1958.

A graduate of Agawam High School and Suffield Academy, Drewnowski played football for both schools and for the semi-professional team of the Agawam Brownies.

A former member of the Detective Bureau,

Drewnowski is past president and treasurer of the Polish American Club of Agawam, past president and treasurer of the Agawam Hockey Parents Association, past vice-president of the Air Force Academy Parents Association of Western Mass. and Connecticut, and past treasurer of the Agawam Police Association.

He and his wife Dorothy live at 1028 Shoemaker Lane and have three sons: Henry Jr., Michael, both of whom live in Agawam with their families, and Stephen, a lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force currently in pilot training in Phoenix, Arizona who managed to be in attendance at this special event in honor of his father.

Library Book Sale This Saturday

The Agawam Public Library's first book sale will be held on the back lawn of the library on Saturday, June 27th, from 9 to 5 o'clock. The sale will be conducted by Norman McMahon, chairman of the Friends of the Library, and members of that group including Rodney Blakesley, Francis Colli, Richard Gingrass Jr., Mary Manning, and others.

Several individuals have already donated books for the sale, and donations will be accepted right through to the end of the sale.

The sale will not only provide inexpensive volumes to buy, but will offer highlights such as the presence between 10 and noon of Mrs. Edith LaFrancis, who will be available to autograph her recently published book, *Agawam, Massachusetts: A Town History*.

Refreshments will be available throughout the day. All town residents and their friends are encouraged to attend this event, make purchases which will benefit the library, and generally enjoy socializing with their fellow townspeople.

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Fr. Karl Huller, pastor, will officiate assisted by Richard Rieker and Louis Gallerani.

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MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1931 recently held their 50-year reunion. Several members present were, from left; Mildred Bitgood Haff, Louise Caruso Moreno, Edith Pisano Michaud, and Louis Meyer Soule. Photo by Jack Devine.

Class Of 1931 Holds 50th Year Reunion

It was 1931, in the midst of the depression. Jobs were almost non-existent. It was a time when almost every girl went to the prom unescorted because boys could not afford cars and did not have money to treat. A small program listed the dances and helped one remember who his next partner would be.

These were just some of the reminiscences which took place at the fiftieth year reunion of the Agawam High School Class of 1931 held recently.

Bion T. Wheeler, Jr., class valedictorian, gave a bit of the background of the town and history of the school to his fellow classmates. Class president Harold Roos served as master of ceremonies and welcomed honored guests Marjorie Ward, Ruth Perry, Emily McCormick, Elizabeth Pond, and Har-

mon Smith, all of whom were teaching at Agawam High at the time.

Committee Chairman Edith Pisano Michaud paid tribute to these teachers for their dedication in helping the students achieve their goals and in teaching them with humility, patience and persistence.

The Class of 1931 was known as the Class of Champions because its department of music, art, sports, business, and the school newspaper brought many awards to the school.

Other members of the committee were Louise Caruso Moreno, Frances Montagna Fagnani, and Lorraine Wilson Walker. Thelma Smith Bourgeois was chosen as chairman for the next reunion planned to take place in 1986.

South End Plans Italian Festival

Our Lady of Grace Society in Springfield's South End will once again sponsor its Italian Festival, the oldest in the city, on William Street Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, June 26-28.

Several types of music will be offered throughout the weekend, including an Oldies Night on Saturday beginning at 7:30 p.m. Sunday will bring a parade following the 7:30 a.m. mass, and the full-dress Melha Shriners Band will take part. The ever-popular greas-

ed pole climb will be held on Sunday at 4 p.m.

A new feature will be an awards ceremony which will honor Mayor Theodore Dimauro and Carlo Marchetti, executive director of Springfield Central, with the first Italian-American Citizens Award.

A large selection of Italian foods, novelty items, T-shirts, and pony rides will be offered. Concessions stands are still available, and inquiries should be directed to Mike DeFalco or Ray Caporale.

Climbing The Grease Pool



A GROUP FROM THE SOUTH END takes the goodies during the recent grease pole climb at St. Anthony of Padua's annual neighborhood Italian Festival held on the church grounds. The Agawam gang made a valiant attempt but were no match for the South End boys. Photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam JC-ettes Honored

Sandy Dubay and Gerri Milliken of the Agawam Jaycee-ettes represented their chapter at the Massachusetts Jaycee Women convention held recently at the Marriott Hotel in Springfield.

The Agawam chapter was presented a third place award for excellence in overall chapter management. Sandy Dubay was the recipient of the Outstanding Massachusetts Jaycee Woman award.

The Agawam chapter was also presented a podium for their achievement in the Speak-Up program conducted by the state organization.

Certificates were presented to several of the Agawam members for their participation in the Speak-Up and Personal Dynamics programs conducted by the state and national organizations.

The local chapter has been in existence for several years and membership is open to any young woman in town between the ages of 18 and 36. If interested, contact Gerri Milliken at 789-0105.

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Heart Drive Nears Closing

The Western Massachusetts Division of the American Heart Association is bringing its 1981 Heart Fund campaign to a close, having \$195,000 of its \$193,000 goal. At their annual meeting held on May 20th at the Yankee Pedlar Inn in Holyoke, Campaign Chairman John P. Devine indicated that there had been a \$34,000 increase in contributions over last year. For this he credited the very successful Heart Fund Ball held in February at Chez Josef and the Rock n' Roll Jamboree held at Kendall Commons, as well as many new and memorable events.

Following the annual meeting, numerous individuals and community organizations were honored for their outstanding contributions to this year's volunteer effort. Because of Jack Devine's active and enthusiastic leadership with the association, Agawam is one of the more actively involved communities and a total of nine appreciation awards were presented to outstanding volunteers representing this town.

Jack Devine was acknowledged by the association for his enthusiastic leadership as this year's chairman and for successful organization of the fourth annual Heart Ball, which raised \$6,000 for the American Heart Association. Devine, like many other heart volunteers, has suffered a serious heart attack in the past and has lost a loved one to the disease. He is grateful to be able to assist the organization. This is Devine's fifth year with the Heart Association, having served them in various capacities.

Another award recipient, **Anthony Saracino**, served as the Heart Ball Chairman, working with Devine and "doing a great job." As head of the ad book committee, he helped raise \$4,500 with that project alone.

James Martone received acknowledgement for again contributing his talent in creating the beautiful portrait of this year's Heart Princess. Use of the Farm Credit Bank for Heart Fund Ball committee meetings was also appreciated.

James Gordon, president of the Deputy Sheriffs of Agawam, accepted an appreciation award for those deputies who sold advertising space in the successful ad book for the ball.

Ric Sardella, publisher of *The Agawam Advertiser/News*, was thanked for "most supportive coverage of the activities of the American Heart Association, especially the Heart Ball."

Paul Sutton, weatherman for Channel 40, was also acknowledged for participating in the association's Jail Bail fundraiser as well as for giving it a week's publicity.

Ruth Zucco was acknowledged for her work as co-chairperson of the Heart Ball.

Reverend Frank E. Dunn, retired pastor of the Valley Community Church, was presented a plaque for his outstanding work helping to sell tickets and ads for the Heart Ball.

The Agawam-based **Springfield Turnverein** was also acknowledged for use of tables and selling ads for the ad book.

Even as this year's door-to-door campaign draws to a close, many dedicated volunteers, like our Jack Devine, are attending meetings, making plans, and preparing for next year's campaign. Now more than ever a great deal of hard work is required to help raise funds necessary to carry out research, education, and community service programs offered by the American Heart Association.

This area's office of the American Heart Association is located at 393 Maple Street, Springfield, and Division Director Dorothy Kuhs reminds us that 57% of our donation goes into scientific research to prevent and cure diseases of the heart. Since education, both professional and public, is essential to the prevention of heart disease, 29% goes towards providing films, literature, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation programs, the speakers' bureau, and many other important programs. Community service gets the last 14%, helping to fund such programs as post-coronary "sharing and caring" support groups as well as other services.

According to Ms. Kuhs, donations of any size are welcomed and may be made as memorials or special gifts to the Maple Street office. The public is invited to contact the Springfield office and avail themselves of the various services of the American Heart Association.

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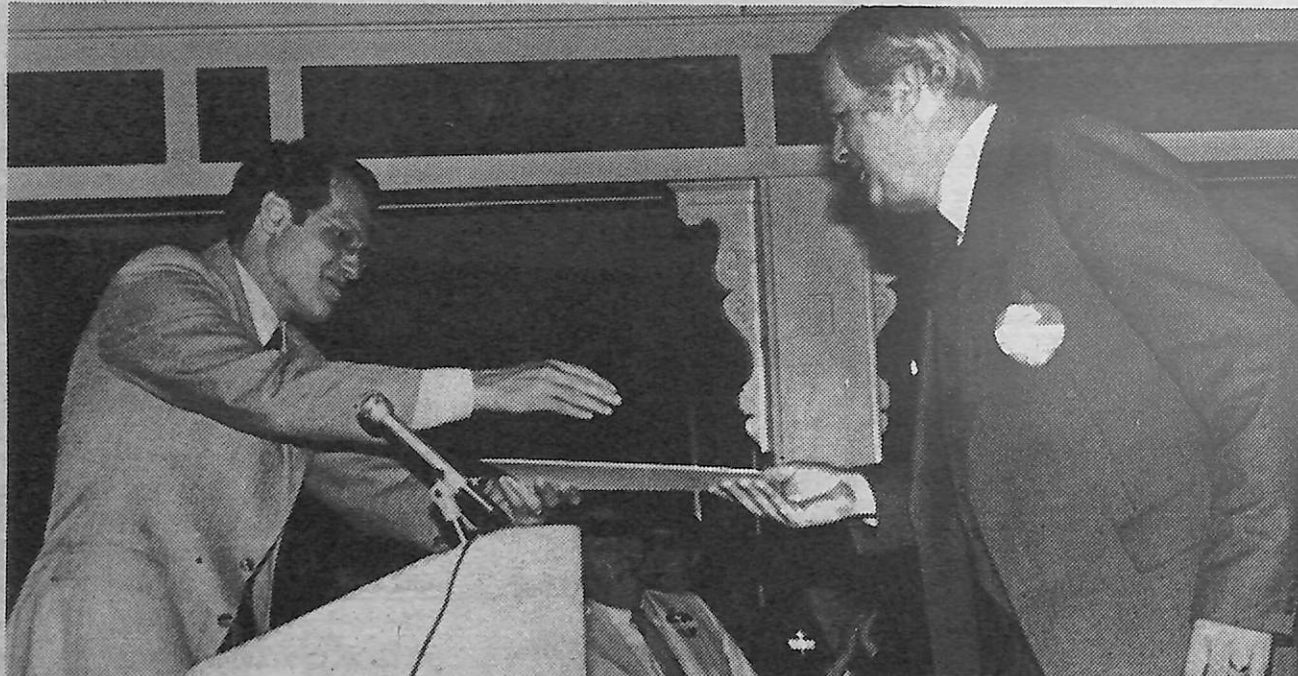
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JAMES MARTONE, of Agawam, receives his award from Heart Fund General Chairman Francis Mirkin at the annual Awards Night of the Western Mass. Heart Association.



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PAUL SUTTON of Agawam and also Channel 40's weatherman, receives award for his contributions in the Heart Fund's "Jail Bail" fundraiser.



FIVE LOCAL RESIDENTS RECEIVING AWARDS in a group shot were, from left; *Advertiser/News* photographer Jack Devine, who also served as chairman of the Heart Ball, Jim Gordon, Tony Saracino, *Advertiser/News* publisher Richard Sardella, and James Martone.

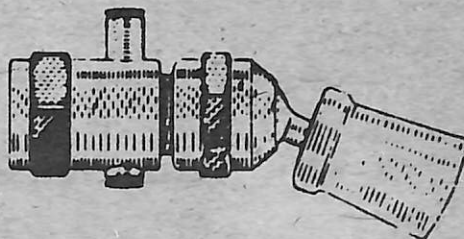
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Solar Energy: Today Not Tomorrow

By Rita White

Probably one of the gravest problems facing the world today is energy. It is a problem in itself along with having an effect on ecology, conservation and the economy. No one is immune to the need for energy. We are all involved and it is up to all of us to help in finding solutions for today as well as for the future.

George H. Robinson of SOLAREP, INC. feels that he has the answer. He is, of course, talking about solar energy. We all hear talk of solar power being the thing of tomorrow, but there is no need to wait for tomorrow.

Solar power is anything but new. As far back as 212 B.C., solar power was being used. Archimedes, a Greek mathematician and inventor. Archimedes, a power when the Roman fleet was approaching Greece. Archimedes had mirrors set up to catch the sun's rays and was able to set fire to the Roman ships.

The solar systems being used today, while updated and upgraded, are similar to those used in the 1930's.

Just mentioning solar energy brings to people's minds huge financial costs, ripping apart a home, perhaps having problems with neighbors because someone's house shades another's, etc. SOLAREP, INC. is talking on many levels. Mr. Robinson's motto could be "Conserve and Survive."

SOLAREP, INC. can help you do this. Something as simple as a water conservator that is available through them for you to put on your showerhead. The town of Stoughton, Massachusetts, had been working on a budget of \$3,000,000 to put in watersheds or wells and try to help the water problem many towns face. Instead, they invested several thousands and installed these devices which paid for themselves in nine days. Nine days! Many school with athletic departments where there are many showers taken are finding these little gadgets will pay for themselves in five to nine days.

But this is only one small example of SOLAREP, INC.'s products. They also market a smoke consumer. This easy-to-install, low-priced item is a dream for those with wood-burning stoves. The smoke consumer will eliminate the worry about chimney fires and will give you more efficient use of wood, enabling you to use perhaps two cords of wood instead of three. Conserve and survive.

Obviously, there are much bigger and better products. There are, of course, the solar panels or solar collectors as they really are. People are misinformed to think that solar panels must be installed on their roof. Not true. And it's also not true that a house which is completely shaded cannot make use of solar energy. There are ways to do it.

SOLAREP, INC. is working with a system called photovoltaics. This is an incredible system where a certain type of panel is used to simply take light and turn it into electricity. The system is being used in remote areas as an alternative to spending the time

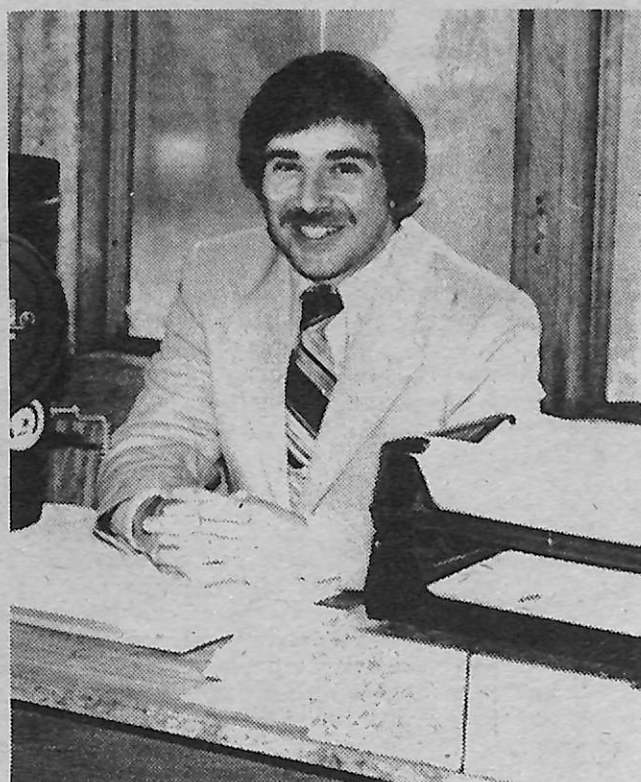
and money to run miles of electrical wire out to a desolate area where work is being done.

We are receiving more BTU's from the sun in one day than are needed to power the earth for years. Solar energy is not some big mysterious thing. Mr. Robinson goes to schools and gives seminars. When kids want to know how solar energy works, Robinson turns the tables on them and asks them questions. When they are through, they realize that they knew how it worked, they just didn't realize that they knew. Some of the panels that SOLAREP, INC. sells are so easy to assemble and install that an 11-year-old girl assembled one for her science project.

When it comes to doing a large job on your own home, probably the most important factor is the company doing the installation. To know how to choose someone for this, go to your library and get the book *How To Buy Solar Heating Without Getting Burnt*.

Most solar systems will pay for themselves in a very short time. They all do pay for themselves eventually, and in using solar power, we are conserving and leaving something worthwhile to pass on to future generations.

Mr. Robinson of SOLAREP, INC. gives seminars and lectures on his company's products. He is very involved with ecology and conservation and works on a community level as much as possible. For the answers to your questions, or if you would like to talk to him about giving a seminar to schools or groups, give him a call at 786-8637.



GEORGE H. ROBINSON of SOLAREP, INC., can help you save dollars through ingenious and inexpensive solar devices. Photo by Jack Devine.

DiPietro Graduates Tufts Dental

Dr. William DiPietro, son of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph DiPietro of Lynnfield, recently graduated from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. An alumnus of St. John's Preparatory School and of Boston University, he is the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. John DiPietro of 47 Bridge Street, Agawam.



Rainbows can be seen at night. Lunar rainbows were observed and recorded in ancient times and are not uncommon. They are a phenomenon of the same principle as the solar rainbow.

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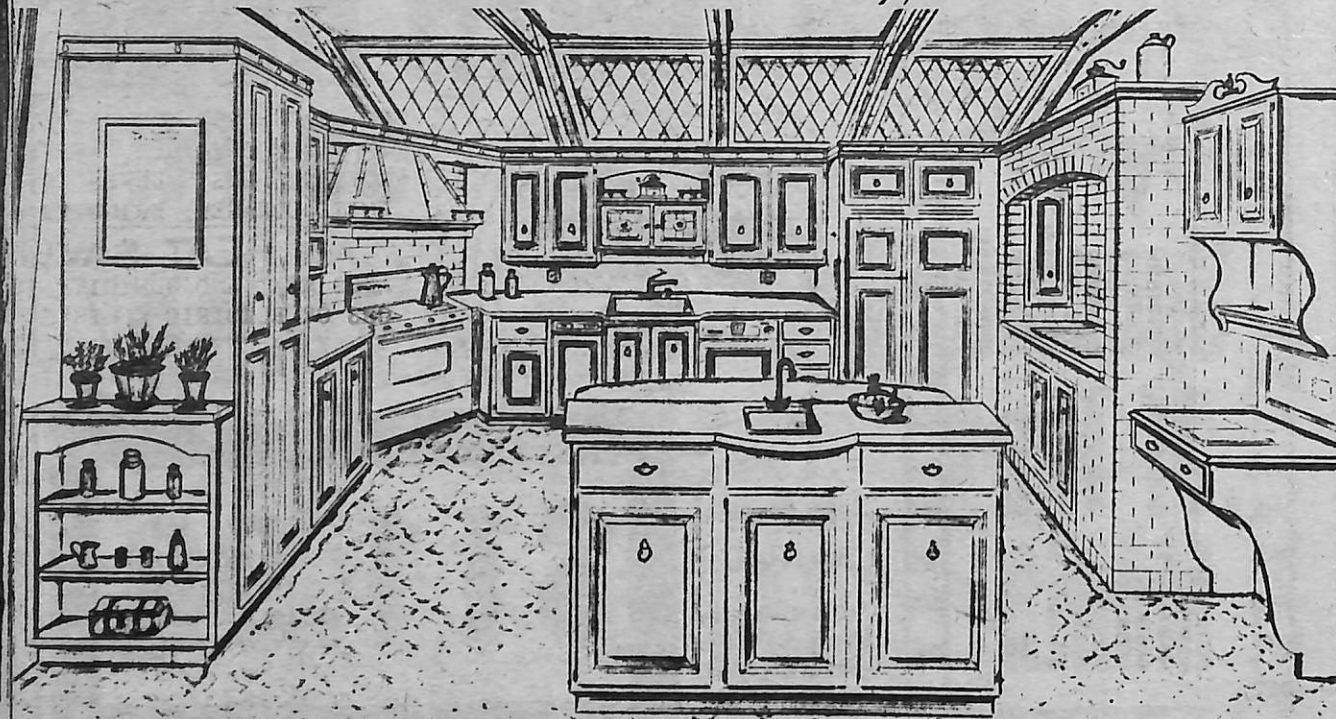
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For Senior Citizens... New Beginnings

By Rita White

Well, finally school's out! It's hard to tell who is happiest that first week: teachers, students or bus drivers. At any rate, for all of them, summer officially begins. Another beginning. Life is full of beginnings. Every day is a beginning. Make it a special one; put meaning into it. You can only get out of life what you put into it.

The Senior Center celebrated Father's Day with a special turkey luncheon for about 160 seniors. For any special event such as this, there is always entertainment planned, and I have to tell you that the fathers at the center this particular day were really entertained. The entertainment had been kept a surprise, and I'm sure everyone felt it was well worth the suspense.

Selene (Cindy Ferris), performer and teacher and two of her students, Sabrina (Mary Liquori) and Tanya (Judy Dupuis) entertained the group with belly dancing. Selene started this art about eight years ago and has been teaching for five. She and her troupe perform at many nursing homes and senior centers.

Selene conducts classes year round and her students range from mother and daughter combinations to the 83-year-old individual she has now. Age is not a barrier. Belly dancing is a terrific form of exercise, not to mention how much fun it is. Selene also offers "belly-grams" for that extra special birthday wish or whatever you might want to send to someone. She can also provide "Male" grams now and "Gorilla" grams. It is all a lot of fun. If you are interested in taking classes or sending one of the grams, call her at (413) 267-3980.

Of course, there was a lot more fun with prizes given for those who could qualify in certain areas such as the man who got married the youngest, who started fulltime employment at the youngest age, who had the most sons, the most grandsons, who had come from the farthest country, who had worked the farthest away and who was the oldest man present born in Agawam. There were also door prizes given that had been donated by Mr. and Mrs. Potts.

A very special treat for everyone was a song written and performed by Joe Sullivan. It was a Father's Day song he had written for his father, and I'm sure there had to be tears in a lot of eyes. It was really beautiful.

A fine Father's Day for all there, and I hope all you other fathers out there had as nice a day on Sunday.

If there are any groups out there who are trying to raise money and have decided to collect papers, you have a terrific source through the senior citizens. There are some who already have some papers saved if someone wants to pick them up. If you want to get a regular system going, call the Housing Authority and talk with Phyllis Mason at 786-1297.



Belly-dancer Selene (Cindy Ferris) entertained on Father's Day at the Senior Center and was a great hit with all the dad's.

As we told you before, there is going to a charge for riding the van. In order to ride the van starting July 1st, you will have to have tickets. These tickets may only be purchased at the Senior Center on Meadowbrook Manor. The rides will cost 15¢ for one way around town, and 25¢ one way to the city. Tickets will be available as follows: 20 fifteen-cent tickets for \$3 and 20 twenty-five-cent tickets for \$5. Be sure to get your tickets so that you may use the van as you need it.

July 2nd is the fourth anniversary of the new senior center and there will be a special ham dinner to celebrate. Call for details.

There has been a change in departure times for the July 8th trip to see "Hello, Dolly!" The bus will leave from Feeding Hills Center at 9 a.m. and from the Senior Center at 9:30.

On July 12th, there will be a potluck supper at the center. Everyone brings a dish. There will be entertainment by the Pat Daniels' band. Don't miss it.

For those of you who may not know it, the van makes trips to the Agawam Public Library every Friday afternoon from the center. If you are having difficulty getting there on a regular basis, here is your opportunity.

*Childhood memories of summer days,
A swim in the lake, a hike in the woods,
Lying on a hilltop watching clouds go by,
Picnics with chicken and strawberry pie.* Rita White

Administrators, From Page 2

"Naturally we're all upset about what the council did last night," Miodowski said, "but what we have to do now is organize as a group so we can be dealt with fairly."

In a related matter, Miodowski was highly critical of a charter objection issued from councilor Donald Rheault which has bottlenecked funding for the newly created assistant director of the Department of Public Properties, which Parks and Recreation Director Jack Kunasek was slated to fill.

In his budget, Bowen abolished the Parks and Recreation Department and moved Kunasek's position under Miodowski's jurisdiction as director of the new DPP.

According to Gallano, the administrators' association will request a meeting with Bowen to press the issue of pay hikes.

"We see it as everyone else got some type of increase and we didn't get anything," Gallano said. "It seems the only way to get anything in this town is through a signed contract so that's what we'll just have to do."

Gallano said administrators do not blame Bowen for the council's action.

Police Ed. Incentive - From Page 5

Belongs In Collective Bargaining

"This issue belongs on the bargaining table. It should be part of the give-and-take that results from collective bargaining and not a 'give-me,'" Bowen told councilors Monday.

During his presentation, Bowen reminded councilors that when he was hired, the council expressed concern over municipal contracts that had "sold the town down the river."

He said the educational incentive program had benefits to the community, but noted that after 1982 such a program would impact the collective bargaining process.

He noted, 3 officers in the department will receive approximately \$30,000 in combined base pay, contractual benefits and the education plan.

Stated Bowen, "The council has failed to respond to their concern over contracts. If you fail to rescind this tonight you will have it till the end of time."

Bowen pointed out that the Fire Department's contract includes an education incentive clause.

He said the patrolmen's union was allotted a 10 percent increase this year, but added, "When you figure in the education incentive, that 'give-me' brings the police raises in excess of 11 percent."

Bowen said one member of the department will receive an overall raise of 13 percent this year.

Councilor Alfred Trehey was the lone councilor to speak against the incentive pay.

Continue To Rise

Trehey commented that the cost to the town would continue to escalate. He said, "Ten or fifteen years down the road if this thing is not stopped, the cost of it could get pretty well out of hand."

Bowen agreed, noting that in five years the cost "could double."

Voting for elimination of the program were council president Paul Fieldstad, councilors Richard Theroux, John Bartnik, Francis Colli, Stephen Cincotta, Paul Paleologopoulos, Andrew Gallano and Trehey.

Supporting continuation of the program were councilors Frederick Nardi, Donald Rheault, Walter Kerr and Robert DeForge.

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FROM THE THIRD

By Rep Edward W. Connelly

Senate Budget Round Three

For the first time in years, the state budget process is one of innovation. First, in response to the Governor's inadequate budget, we produced the "Better Budget." Now, the Senate has come up with a budget that would, if passed, not only provide \$303 million in additional local aid to cities and towns, but also makes many substantial governmental reforms. Finally, it would appear that the taxpayer could be delivered of many costly sacred cows.

This is round three in the process. In what may have been the longest budget debate ever, the House finally came up with a budget which was sent to the Senate. The Senate then rejected that version and sent its own to the House.

These are customary moves. The current phase is the Conference Committee, three representatives and three senators appointed by the Speaker and the Senate President. The Conference Committee meets to hammer out a budget that will be accepted by both the House and the Senate. That budget is then sent to the Governor to be signed into law.

The 1982 fiscal year begins on July 1. If a state budget has not been signed to by then, the state operates on monthly budgets, commonly referred to as 1/12th budgets, until a full budget is signed.

Obviously the pressure on cities and towns to approve their own budgets is causing considerable pressure on Beacon Hill. Cities and towns need to know how much state money they can count on. The local aid issue, which has been prevalent throughout the budget debates, is key to the conference committee's final report.

When we began the process of putting together the "Better Budget," it was because we just didn't believe that the state could not come up with more than the Governor's \$37 million in new local aid. We believed strongly that cuts in state spending could be made. In the "Better Budget," we showed how it could be done. We came up with \$320 million in additional local aid.

This has been an unprecedented budget year, with a viable alternative budget, active and forceful participation by rank-and-file legislators. The conference committee will have an incredible opportunity to take the best from both documents in formulating a 1982 budget that will be responsible to the people of Massachusetts.

Understanding Your Child

Your child may not be seeing the world properly—and not even know it. To a young child, blurred or double vision, even sight through only one eye, seems normal. Without any point of comparison, there's no way of knowing that what he or she sees should be any different.

But your child may tell you about his or her seeing difficulties in non-verbal ways, says the National Society to Prevent Blindness.



Write the Society for these clues, and check your youngster's sight with the Society's Home Eye Test for Preschoolers. The test doesn't replace a professional eye examination, but can tip you off to a possible problem.

Voc.Ed. Still Remains High Priority

When the Westover Occupational Resource Collaborative program fell by the wayside late last year, then School Committee Chairman Jessie Fuller, along with the rest of the board, were bitterly disappointed.

Growing Programs

They had hoped the Westover program would be the answer to the growing problems of vocational training in this area.

The plan called for the complete renovation of the old Westover Air Force Base hospital to a comprehensive regional vocational training school. Seven area communities were slated to participate and share renovation and program costs.

Town Council, after some initial haggling here, allocated \$270,000 to meet Agawam's portion of the commitment.

Soon after, other communities began to waffle over the planned training school. The end results proved fatal to the program and were a severe blow to the expansion of vocational training in the region.

Mrs. Fuller today told the *Advertiser/News* that vocational training of local students must remain a high priority of the School Department next fall.

Mrs. Fuller noted that the arguments for an expanded vocational program to meet the needs of high school students not intending to further their education has not changed.

She said with escalating tuition expenses, more students are being tuned out to college and tuned in to entering the work force immediately after their graduation.

Because WORC has been dropped, the School Department has gone back to the drawing board and is currently considering alternatives, said Assistant Superintendent of Schools James Bruno.

The town is enrolled in the four-year old Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative which sends students to neighboring schools where better facilities and programs are being offered.

The communities involved include Agawam, East Longmeadow, West Springfield, Wilbraham, South Hadley, Longmeadow, Southwick, and Ludlow.

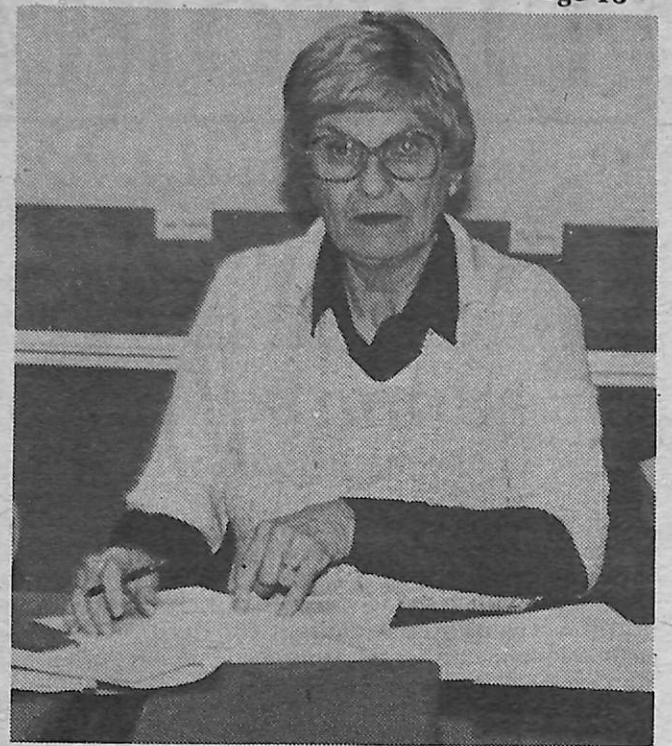
Classes At AHS

Students attend classes on a half-day basis five days per week. Agawam High, for example, offers programs in data processing and one course in electronics as part of the LPVEC.

School Department Business Manager James Coon said today the School Committee has budgeted \$33,500 to cover 51 students for next year.

Coon said the High School sent 41 participants to LPVEC last year at a cost of \$35,300.

Coon says five students will be enrolled at Westfield Vocational High School next year in a fulltime program sanctioned by the Commonwealth's Chapter 74 on vocational training.



School Committeewoman Jessie Fuller

To send the students to Westfield Vocational, the School Committee budgeted \$15,000. Coon said the problem with Westfield Voke is that it's mainly set up for Westfield residents and outsiders can enter on a space available basis only and that the cost factor also must be considered.

Mrs. Fuller noted that budget limitations caused by the tax-cutting Proposition 2 1/2 has created further difficulty for the School Department in implementing additional vocational programs here.

"Unfortunately," Mrs. Fuller said, "money is just as big a part as available facilities. With Proposition 2 1/2 we have less flexibility to deal with vocational training but we cannot lose sight of it either."

Mrs. Fuller said programs being currently being offered to students are limited in scope and do not provide students with sufficient skills to "go out and be competitive as skilled labor."

"We have to consider vocational education in the future because we just don't have the programs to meet the kids' needs right now. I hope we can put some plans into motion next year and address this situation," Mrs. Fuller said.

She said she plans to ask Superintendent of Schools Louis J. Hebert for a report on his plans for vocational education here later this summer or early in the fall.

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EDITORIAL

Guest Editorial... Pride Expressed For Students & Freshman Times

By Marilyn Talbot

Editors Note: Mrs. Talbot is a town resident with four children in the school system and is active in civic affairs. She is currently chairperson for the Title I Parent Advisory Council in Agawam and serves as vice president for the PAC on the state level).

I would like to sincerely commend Mr. Richard Sardella, the Agawam Advertiser/News publisher, Mrs. Judi Lech, and the twenty-six ninth grade students at the Junior High School who, together, created the first edition of the Freshman Times.

It was, in a word, fantastic!

In doing research for this article, I discovered that Mr. Sardella, in conjunction with the proper authorities of the school administration, was approached by the Junior Achievement Board to teach, in an advisory capacity, a fifteen-week course in journalism to some twenty-six ninth grade students at the Agawam Junior High School.

Mr. Sardella agreed!

Of course, we all know that to be involved with any kind of instructional services in the Junior Achievement program, one must be highly qualified.

Mr. Sardella, being an accurate, truthful, and highly skilled reporter of our own Agawam Advertiser/News, paid a charge of \$450 out of his own pocket for the privilege of teaching a course of journalism to our children.

The course started the second week of March, 1981, and was to go on for fifteen weeks. After Memorial Day, Mr. Sardella courteously notified the superintendent's office of a newspaper publication which was to be the students' final grade for the course. Publication and printing costs for this paper again came out of Mr. Sardella's pocket.

The results of the combined efforts of all involved, Mrs. Lech, Mr. Sardella, and especially the students, was published on June 18, 1981, as the Freshman Times.

I would like to commend and congratulate all the students who participated in the course for the superior job they did. The newspaper was an informative, factual display of journalism excellence.

I am also proud and thankful for the six school committee members in this town who voted to let Mr. Sardella continue this course despite the fact that our superintendent, Mr. Louis Hebert, felt that the program was an exploitation of students.

I am shocked and disappointed that the academic future of our children could have been jeopardized by Mr. Hebert because of a possible breakdown in communication between him and the Junior High School principal, Mr. Tatro, or even by policy violation.

I would like to further say that which we have people in this town available and willing to give of their time freely and we should make use of these advantages.

I feel such a sense of pride in all the ninth grade students who participated. Our kids are great! Give them half a chance and look at what they do! The Freshman Times!

I, for one, would like to see Volume II of the newspaper for next year. Thank you, Mr. Sardella. Please come back next year. We all need people like you. My only regret is that my two children were not fortunate enough to be in this program.

Guest Editorial... Bowen Asserts Rte. 57 Position

By Town Manager Richard J. Bowen

A series of reports of statements and actions by some members of the Agawam Conservation Commission seek to discredit this office and thus to remove their own actions from the critical scrutiny that they deserve and for which they should be held accountable borders on the sublime.

Let there be any doubt, let me restate my position on Route 57 which has been given to you previously and which has been reflected consistently in my actions no less words.

The Town Council has stated firmly and unanimously as a matter of policy its unqualified support of the Route 57 extension project. I have no quarrel with this policy and support it fully. I will continue to do so.

I will also continue to advise members of the town administration and of several appropriate boards, committees and commissions that realization of the Route 57 project is a major town policy. Should their respective personal feelings run contrary to this policy and be in need of being expressed publicly, I would expect that they would sever their official relationship with the town. Should their official actions evidence clear intent to frustrate realization of the policy, resignation or removal should be expected.

Support of the policy by my office, however, does not and should not preclude consideration of and action upon other matters which may relate to it. Indeed, I consider it to be of the highest priority that timely and appropriate plans be formulated and executed to deal with the probable substantial development consequences of the project. Farmland preservation is one of these priorities and in no way impinges upon the realization of the project.

It is this latter consideration which, in my opinion, is being used as a shabby, shallow and shoddy attempt at settling some personal scores. It is a phenomenon which is, at best, a tempest in a teapot and, at worst, the equivalent of yelling "Fire" in a crowded theater when there is no fire at all and no less any smoke!

The former Conservation Commission chairman's lack of concern over how the commission functions specifically, conservation generally and particularly his stated belief that Route 57 would have minimal potential development consequences on the Town of Agawam have caused this office considerable and long-standing concern. His public stridency has not suggested to me the commitment which I believe to be so essential to the protection of the town's rich land resources which are now and will continue to be in substantial demand and in increasingly shorter supply.

It has also been my policy of many years standing to avoid appointing people who are engaged in certain occupations to membership on a conservation commission in order to avoid even the appearance of a potential conflict of interest. A builder/developer is such an occupation. I would make it unmistakably clear, however, that I have no reason to believe that the former Agawam Conservation Commissioner acted in any way so as to be in conflict with his own business interests.

The derogatory public statements being made are irrational, irresponsible, reckless and at complete odds with the facts no less the truth. Some are just plain silly. I regret their occurrence and can only conclude that change(s) is (are) long overdue and amply justified. I recall the Shakespearean admonition—"Methinks he (she, they) doth protest too much."

Letters to the Editor

Freshman Times Commended

To The Editor:

I would like to commend Mrs. Judi Lech and Mr. Ric Sardella for the fine job they did in guiding her sixth period English class in the publishing of The Freshman Times.

These students did a great job and should all be very proud.

We, in Agawam, are lucky to have teachers and publishers who are willing to devote their time and energy to a project of this magnitude. I am sure it is something the class will always remember. Thanks to you both.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Sandy Hollinger

Dance Teachers Appreciate Emergency Service

To The Editor:

We would like to personally commend the Agawam Fire and Police Departments for the prompt and excellent service provided at our dance recital last Sunday evening when a heat detector went off during the performance.

Both arrived in minutes and were very reassuring to our students and their guests that everything was safe.

In addition to both the Fire and Police Departments, we would like to praise the high school custodians for their fine efforts during this situation.

A special commendation to the parents and children involved for their self control and patience during such an unexpected phenomenon.

It's high time the services and the people who provide them are appreciated because certainly they are there when they are needed and are doing a great job for all of us! Our grateful appreciation to all.

Nancy Locke
Debbie Calabrese

Emergency Personnel Praised

To The Editor:

In the past few months, I have had the necessity to call the town ambulance for an emergency on one occasion and the police for another. The two young police officers as well as the two ambulance attendants deserve more than a word of praise and appreciation.

These young men handled both situations in a most kind and gentle manner. They were most professional and put everyone concerned at ease immediately.

We hear so much of a derogatory nature concerning our public servants that I want to take this opportunity to thank these fine young men and say I am happy to be living here in this community.

A Grateful Feeding Hills Resident

Local History Attracting National Attention

To The Editor:

How local is a local history?

Fan mail for our new town history book is coming in not only from surrounding towns but from such far places as California, Florida, Vermont, Georgia, Nebraska, and others.

M.H. writes from Morrisville, Vermont, "I've never seen a town history with such an unlimited scope of interesting and unique information."

G.B. writes from Richmond, Virginia, "What a wonderful surprise when a relative sent me a copy of Agawam. It is a lovely book and we shall treasure it always. I lived for a time with Uncle Henry and Aunt Belle Bodurtha in Agawam."

From N.W. in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, "I was delighted with a friend's gift to me of the history of Agawam. It not only tells the story of the town but of years of research and recording, truly a magnum opus."

D.B. now living in Springfield writes, "So far I've been reading selected portions, especially those pertaining to West Springfield, and have discovered many interesting facts. The picture collection is good too. How my cousin Marion Aschenbach would have enjoyed poring over this book!"

From S.L. in Omaha, "Material is well organized and occasional bits of humor make it good reading."

And from M.B. in Santa Barbara, California, "My sister and I are delighted with the history book sent by my sister-in-law and we congratulate you on one beautiful, complete job. I am eighty-one years old and you'd be surprised how much I remember, having spent summers in Agawam from the time I was five until I was eighteen. My folks had a cottage near Riverside adjoining the Cavanaugh land. The Raymond Dowd in the chapter on aviation was one of my five brothers. I often was used to 'try out' this and that in the glider, as I was younger than he and Bernard and naturally lighter in weight. The research is certainly correct and quite complete. Bless you, you've made us happy."

Thus, interest in Agawam spreads out - over the years and across the miles.

Edith LaFrancis

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Join Food Mart's Country Fair

Food Mart Fun Days

By Rita White

I feel out of place shopping in the Food Mart these days. I keep thinking I should have gone down there on a buckboard or at least have my trusty horse tied up outside.

The reason for all this is the store's summer look with the theme for Food Marts throughout the area being "Country Jubilee." The various stores are left up to their own devices as to how to promote the theme.

The Agawam Food Mart has done a super job. The kids employed in the store have done all the work and made it really fun to shop there. There are mannequins dressed in western garb grinning down at you from shelves and standing in corners. Good ole foot-stomping western music can be heard at times, and, of course, all the store help looks as if they are ready to rope a steer for your steaks or run out to the "North Forty" to pick your fresh veggies.

And, of course, none of this stands in the way of the usual great service offered at the Food Mart. Store manager Jim Maloney is right there ready to help; the ladies at the check cashing booth are there with money, lottery tickets, cigarettes and smiles. The deli can help you set up your picnic needs in minutes, and, of course, you can always rely on the meat department to give you meat cut to order.

Fresh produce is one of the by-words of the Food Mart. All of these services are provided by friendly, smiling people, many of whom are neighbors and our neighbors' kids.

So I think I'll get out my cowboy hat and boots and go down to the Food Mart to rustle up this week's grub. Come on down and join the fun.



CONNIE FOLEY AND JOANNE MENARD, two of Food Mart's employees, are settled-in for the Country Fair.



STORE MANAGER JIM MALONEY visits two new "friends" guarding the fresh vegetable stand. Photo by Jack Devine.



JIM DOWNIE, JOHN GIROUX AND BILL FARWELL, (left to right) are just back for the ranch and ready for Food Mart's "Country Fair." Photo by Jack Devine.



BOB BRACKNEY brought in his new girlfriend to greet customers at the Country Fair, now going on at your Agawam Food Mart.

Notice To Our Readers

In The Past Week We Have Been Besieged By Phone Calls Concerning Agawam's ANNUAL JULY 4th CELEBRATION. Here Are The Facts:

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SCHOOL NEWS



ROBINSON PARK FIFTH GRADERS put on a presentation of "Indian Day" last week. Photo by Jack Devine.

Robinson Students Stage "Indian Day"

By Joanne Brown

Visiting braves and squaws from the neighboring tribe at Danahy School were among the audience for Robinson Park School's fifth grade presentation of Indian Day last week.

Capping off an extensive learning experience on North American Indians under the direction of teacher Linda Ulrich, these modern-day Indians

demonstrated games, enacted dances, chanted songs, and produced a short play based on Indian folklore.

The educational unit on Indians has been compiled as part of the Title IV-C Wide Horizons project which links Agawam's elementary schools with nearby cultural institutions. Mrs. Ulrich and her colleague, Mrs. Jeanne Forgette, currently on maternity leave, spent the greater part of the school year developing curriculum in this area.

Many of the kits developed through Wide Horizons along with the staff of the Springfield Science Museum, Art Museum, Storowton Village, and Laughing Brook will be available for teachers throughout the system next year.

On Indian Day, the song "Travelling Deer," which originally took Indian tribesmen a full night to complete, was performed to the accompaniment of tom-toms, shakers, and a xylophone. The song charts the movements of deer across the land and emphasizes how important that animal was to the well-being of American Indians.

Indian games such as "Pass the Pebble" stumped many students in the audience. With five Indians standing shoulder to shoulder and passing a pebble behind their backs, the object of the game is to guess with which individual the pebble ends. The majority of the audience chose incorrectly each time, pointing up the proficiency with which the "Indians" played their game.

Typical Indian dances, as with songs, revolve around aspects of the hunt. The Chippewa Deer Hunt Dance, for example, has one brave following the movements of the hunt from preparation through to dressing the slain deer without wasting any of the precious carcass.

The short play produced on Indian Day demonstrated the Indian manner of choosing names for individuals in the tribe. A particular brave has been called "No Name" as he has not yet shown any special skill or talent. Throughout the play, No Name resolves several disputes among tribesmen, and eventually the chief terms him Little Peacemaker, "the most important man in the village."

To close the Indian Day ceremonies, the Robinson fifth graders served a modern version of Indian refreshments to their fellow Danahy students. The mixture of apples, raisins, nuts, and cinnamon served as just the right touch to recall our simple origins and our former closer relationship with and dependence on nature.

Match Wits Team Wins Grand Championship

Agawam High School's team entered in competition on television Channel 22's academic quiz program *As Schools Match Wits* has won the grand championship.

After defeating their previous two opponents in quarter-final and semi-final action, the AHS team played an excellent match against Northampton and managed to walk away with a sterling silver bowl to grace the showcase at Agawam High.

Congratulations must be extended to team captain Todd Rovelli, Bob Lancour, Mark Morrison, and Tim Ryan as well as to their coach, Larry O'Brien, for a job exceptionally well done.

Community Band Begins Season

The Agawam Community Band has begun another summer season with an excellent turnout of local musicians for the first of their June rehearsals. The group is open without any fee for all area musicians who wish to play.

Rehearsals are held in the new band room at Agawam High School on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. The first concert will be given on July 7th at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Hospital in Northampton. Other concerts are scheduled for July 21 at Heritage Hall Nursing Home and on July 28th at the Agawam Senior Center. All concerts are free and open to the public.

Some 35 local musicians who presently make up the group represent a cross-section of ages and talent. Any area musician who would like to play - even if your horn has been put away for a while - are still encouraged to join the ranks.

Local Students Attain Dean's Lists At Colleges

Carolyn J. Pacewicz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pacewicz of 16 Red Oaks Circle, Feeding Hills, has been named to the dean's list at Nichols College, Dudley, Massachusetts, for the spring semester.

A member of the Class of 1982, she is a cheerleader at the college.

Patricia A. Trehey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Trehey of 30 Ridge Road, Agawam, has been named to the dean's list at Saint Anselm College, Manchester, New Hampshire for the spring semester.

To be eligible for this honor, a student must attain a quality point average of 3.0, equivalent to a B, or better.

Cardone Graduates Fairfield University

Among 995 graduates receiving degrees at Fairfield University recently was Joseph P. Cardone of Agawam. The school is located in Fairfield, Connecticut.

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Laughing Brook Activities

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is sponsoring a Summer Herb Cooking Workshop on Saturday, June 27, at 10 a.m. West Springfield herb grower Mary Dupuis is the instructor.

This workshop, which will give participants an opportunity to taste samples of recipes, requires advanced registration for a fee.

A day-long natural history course entitled "Fishes of the Connecticut Valley" will be held on Saturday, June 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

William Kenney, a local naturalist, will introduce a variety of native fish found in area water ways. Bot: indoor and outdoor sessions are scheduled.

Reservations are required in advance for this program. Contact Laughing Brook any day at 566-8034.

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is sponsoring a family program that will aid local wildlife on Wednesday, July 1, at 7:30 p.m. Children and their parents will build Bat Boxes to provide roosting sites for these flying mammals.

Children will construct their own units under supervision of adults. Pre-cut wood sections designed to specifications will be used. Natural history information on bats, including myths, requirements for survival and how they handle rigors of a New England winter.

The workshop is open to the public and fees are charged. Reservations are required in advance by calling Laughing Brook at 566-8034.

Johnson & Wales Grads

Commencement exercises at Johnson & Wales College, Providence, Rhode Island, included two local graduates among the 310 awarded BS degrees and the 918 awarded AS degrees.

Kenneth P. Roberts, son of Carl and Joyce Roberts of 16 Laura Circle, was awarded a degree in culinary arts.

Wendy Steadman, daughter of Norman and Marcia Steadman of 86 Hendom Drive, was awarded a BS cum laude in date systems management.



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Y Camp To Reopen

Camp Millbrook, the Metropolitan Springfield YM-CA day camp located on Perry Lane in Agawam, will be serving children from ours and surrounding communities with the theme "Adventure in the Outdoors" this summer.

Camp Millbrook, directed by Kathryn K. Zingg, is located on 42 acres of woodland and natural brook site and invites youngsters to experience the outdoors under the guidance of trained leaders.

The Little Stream unit is for pre-schoolers and kindergarten children and runs half-day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and full-day for five year olds from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Activities include swim lessons, crafts, and nature exploration.

The grade school unit groups children by age with a special program offered to children 12-14 years old. The Wilderness Unit is newly developed to expand outdoor experiences for these youngsters. Campcraft, survival, hiking, and overnight tripping will be included.

A counselor-in-training program is available for 15-16 year olds.

Camp Millbrook offers transportation to their camp location. Camp is scheduled to begin June 29th with four two-week sessions continuing through August 21. Additional information and registration can be obtained at the YMCA Youth Office.

Local Resident Promoted

Marie Krupinski of 7 Amherst Avenue, Feeding Hills, has been promoted to one of two newly-created positions of section chief in the Respiratory Therapy Department of Providence Hospital.

A Westfield High School graduate, Mrs. Krupinski received her associate's degree in respiratory therapy from Springfield Technical Community College. She worked at Noble Hospital prior to employment at Providence.

New AEA President



Andrew Bower, an elementary teacher at Robinson Park School, is the recently elected President of the Agawam Education Association. He will assume his duties in September, but plans to keep abreast of developments within the School Department throughout the summer.

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SPORTS

AAA Track Stars Enter Pentathalon

The track program run by the Agawam Athletic Association and under the supervision of Daniel Lacienski this spring is winding up its season with a traditional pentathalon for the top point-getters.

Conducted for the last eight weeks for both boys and girls ages 8 to 13, the track program has consisted of separate events each week: for the younger children a 50 yard dash, an 80 for the middle group, and a 100 for the oldest; a long jump, a high jump, a softball throw, and distance runs according to age of 220 yards, 330, or 440.

Points were awarded to the first three winners in each event with 5 going to first place, 3 to second, and 1 to third. Points were totalled at the end of five events to arrive at the top three individuals in each age division who will repeat all five events over again this Saturday, June 27, in the pentathalon.

Each participant in the program will be awarded a medal for some event. Different divisions have been established so that each child will be recognized in some way.

Everyone in town is encouraged to attend the pentathalon at the High School track on Saturday in order to cheer on these hard-working athletes. 8-9 year olds will compete at 9 a.m.; 10-11 year olds go off at 10 a.m.; and 12-13 year olds take their turn at 11 a.m.

Those eight year olds who will compete are Kim Bennett, Leslie Bennett, Tegan Christy for the girls and David Kozel, Frank Maniscalco, Daren Conlin, and Danny Costa for the boys (due to tie).

Those nine year olds are Melissa Brown, Cathy Scaggs, Jennifer Scaggs for the girls and Tom Padden, Aaron Vanderhoof, and Tim Bellows for the boys.

Those ten year olds are Traci Trudel, Cheryl Kozel, and Cindy Cavanaugh for the girls, and Ricky Brown, Peter Schindler, Eddie Modzelewski, Alex Kohli, and Daren Brown for the boys (due to tie).

Those eleven year olds are Sophie Osentoski, Amy Vacirca and SueEllen Mushrush for the girls and Paul Poole, Bryan Cort, and Jeff Dietschler for the boys.

Those twelve year olds are Marni Ayers, Lori Harpin, and Kelli Trudel for the girls, and Eric Lubarsky, Dan Meunier, and Bob Aversa for the boys.

Those thirteen year olds are Christine Kosinski and Sue Harpin for the girls, and John Losito, Steve Byrne, and Mike Cerpovitz for the boys.

AAA Suburban Softball Report

After suffering an opening season defeat at the hands of the state champs from West Side, the team bounced back for their third straight win.

The Wilbraham Falcons were the first victims for the AAA. Debbie Dalton pitched a strong first five innings, giving up 1 earned run while facing only 18 batters. Good defensive work by Lena Kozloski, Leah Negrucci and Barb Walsh kept Falcon runners off the bases. Ellen Calkins rapped 3 singles to pace the attack. Final score: 12-6.

St. Mary's of Ludlow provided the opposition for victory number two. Shawn Lappie allowed six runs while her teammates crossed the plate 19 times to earn the victory. Cathy Landry had two hits, and 4 RBI's while Katie Slamon turned in a good effort at second base. Catcher Colleen Lappie launched a single and threw out a potential base stealer at second.

The Agawam Flyers provided the fuel for the first extra inning game in 3 years. The AA girls saw a 2-run lead evaporate in the Flyers bottom half of the seventh. With the winning run stranded on third, the AA girls escaped to the 8th inning.

Kelly Slamon and Sue Goehrlert drew walks to open the eighth. Walsh and Walsh, Inc. delivered key hits. Barbara Walsh ripped a single up the middle to score Kelly and sister Mary threw the knockout punch with a beautifully placed drive down the rightfield line to clear the bases on a homerun to insure the victory.

The orange and brown girls showed some fine offensive team work when they held the opposition scoreless with the bases loaded and no outs. Good teamwork is essential for success. The squad is looking forward to the state tournament to be held in Somerset, Mass. on July 11 & 12.

Next week the team travels to Longmeadow on Tuesday. Thursday they will try to avenge an earlier loss against West Side.

AAA Team Standings

8-10 BOYS DIVISION AMERICAN DIVISION

Agawam Advertiser/News	11-2
Agawam Lions Club	8-5
Hampden Fence	8-5
Pelley Construction	5-8
Stan's Soft Serv	4-8
Agawam Jaycees	2-10

NATIONAL DIVISION

Agawam TV Service	13-0
Colonial Funeral Chapel	11-2
Provin Mt. Farm	7-6
Rocky's Acoustics	4-9
Abbett Tax	3-10
Mushy's	1-12

10-12 BOYS DIVISION

Century 21	13-3
Chriscola Farms	12-4
Food Mart	8-6
Westfield Savings	8-7
Agawam Police	6-9
Polish Club	4-11
Elks 2174	2-13

13-15 BOYS DIVISION

Medical Personnel Pool	9-0
Park Auto	7-5
Agawam Police	6-4
Gove Realty	6-6
Solitario	3-9
Jeff Allen	2-9

8-10 GIRLS SOFTBALL DIVISION

Jay-c-ettes	13-0
Feeding Hills Pharmacy	8-5
Agawam Firefighters	7-6
Feeding Hills Florists	6-7
Heritage Hall	3-10
Elks 2174	1-12

11-13 GIRLS SOFTBALL DIVISION

Valley Community Church	10-2
Agawam Lions Club	10-2
Polish Club	7-4
Catholic Women's Club	6-6
Toomey-O'Brien	2-10
Kiwanis	0-11

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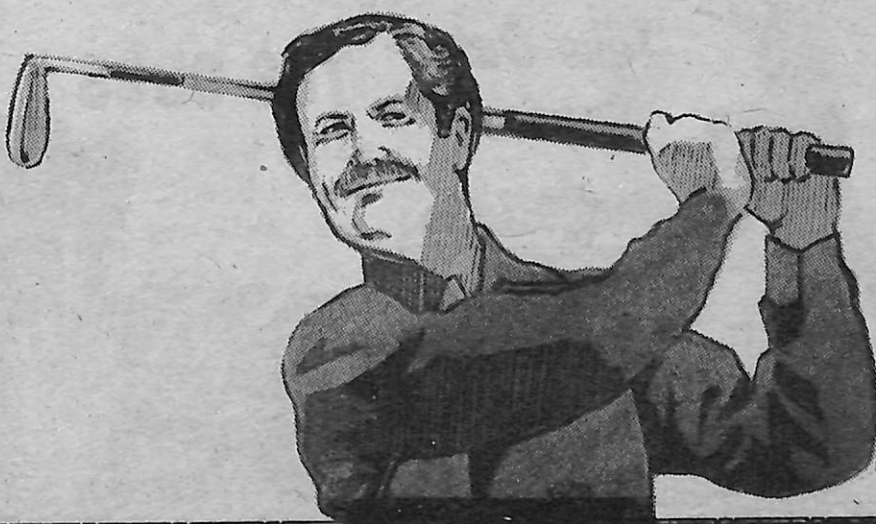
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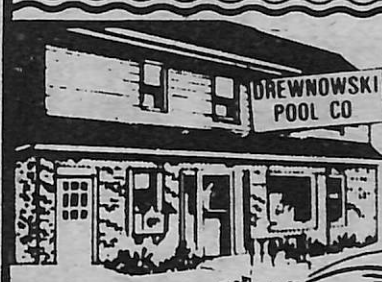
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BOYS 13-15	
Agawam Policemen's Assoc.	7-2
Agawam Lions Club	6-4
Polish American Club	5-4
Dayga Printing	4-5
Agawam Opticians	3-5
Collins Construction	2-7
10-12 BOYS	
A's	7-3
White Sox	7-3
Yankees	5-3
Reds	6-4
Phillies	5-4
Royals	3-6
Red Sox	2-7
9-10 BOYS	
AMERICAN DIVISION	
Rosary Altar Angels	8-2
F.H. Pharmacy Yankees	4-5
W.S./Aga. Elks Red Sox	4-8
NATIONAL DIVISION	
Unico National Royals	7-2
Conn. Valley Block Padres	3-5
Chicopee Elks Astros	3-7

In the 13-15 division on June 15, Joe Mazza pitched the Lions Club to a 4-3 victory over Collins Construction, giving up only three hits, but two of them back to back homers by Jim Cardaropoli and Jim Baurle. Jay Mercadante drove in two runs for the winners.

On June 18, the Lions won again and moved into sole possession of second place by defeating Agawam Opticians. Larry Discher gave up six hits, and along with Jay Mercadante, paced the winners with three hits each.

Jay Passerini led the Opticians with three hits including a 2-run homer.

On June 20, the replay of a tie game called earlier in the season due to darkness ended with last place Collins Construction upending first place Agawam Policemen's Association 5-4. Jean Nicole pitched a superb game, and Jim Baurle got a 2-run homer, Todd Mazza two singles and two RBI's to provide the power for Collins in a game that 14 near flawless innings. Excellent fielding for Collins came from Jim Cardaropoli, Jim Baurle, Todd Mazza, and Jean Nicole.

In the 10-12 division on June 17, the hot White Sox, on a four-game winning streak, defeated the Reds 8-6.

The Phillies defeated both the Red Sox and the Royals during that week. Bob Barbarini and Vin Cardaropoli sparked their team's victories. Aiding on offense also were Rick Gordon, Brian O'Malley, and Paul Morris. Defense came from Dan DeMatos, Mike Smith, and Morris.

Sartwell To Coach WSC Soccer Camp

Robert Sartwell, head soccer coach at Agawam High School, will serve as one of the main coaches at this year's Westfield State College Soccer Camp from July 12 through 17.

Jim Fonte, WSC's varsity soccer coach and founder and director of the camp, said he has begun this camp so as to work with youngsters early in their careers and thereby improve the quality of soccer in the Western Mass. area for coming years.

Sartwell has been responsible for forming soccer teams at Hargrave Military Academy in Virginia and played on the American International College teams 1967 to 1970. He coached the Junior High team here in town prior to assuming the head position on the varsity level last year.

Fonte urges those who may wish to participate in this camp for boys from 8 to 16 years old to contact him for applications and information as soon as possible. A July 1st deadline has been set.

The camp will be organized in different categories for boys of different age levels. Boys will compete with others of their same general age and ability.

A camp brochure may be obtained from Fonte at Westfield State College, Westfield, MA 01086.

Youth Soccer Team Loses Semi-Finals

The Orange Tide, Agawam's B & H Dispatch-sponsored boys youth soccer team, dropped Saturday's semi-final Pioneer Valley Championship game against Ludlow's VFW in a hard-fought encounter which ended 2-0.

Scoreless well into the second half, Scott Farnsworth, B & H's keeper, held out against a barrage of Ludlow kicks until a high kick arched over his head putting Ludlow ahead 1-0. Despite B & H's outstanding efforts, Ludlow scored again late in the game and took the victory.

Joey Walsh sparked the Orange Tide's unsuccessful attempt.

Earlier in the week on Tuesday, the team overcame an early game lull to fire three unanswered goals past Springfield Elks' keeper Tuesday at the Middle School field. Ricky Perolo scored two points before Chris Drapeau streaked in from left wing to put the game on ice with goal number three.

On Wednesday in Ludlow, the team held the Ludlow Boys Club scoreless after jumping into an early lead. Ricky Perolo kicked in the first tally, followed within minutes by goals from Brian Smith, Barry Gianetti, and Jamie Christenson.

Dave Szala totalled three assists while Tommy Sullivan and Frank Evangelista formed the orange wall at fullback. An impressive performance came from Jimmy Rosensteel.

Sportsmen Corner

By Bill Chiba

A leisurely weekend at South Hero, Vermont, on Lake Champlain was our goal as we set forth early Friday morning. Larry Fountaine, West Springfield, and this writer were attending the Spring Safari of the New England Outdoor Writers' Association. Our destination was the Outer Bay Cottages located on the Outer Bay.

Bill Jacobus and his wife Nancy run a very neat and tight ship. The cottages are all housekeeping units and sleep from four to six people. It isn't a bad deal if you are thinking of choosing a place for a vacation. If you don't have a boat, it's no sweat because a boat goes with each unit, and you can rent a motor very reasonably.

We bunked with Ben Conger, editor of a weekly newspaper in Poultney, Vermont, and Gary Moore, freelancer and division worker from Bradford, Vermont.

Ben spent many hours in the woods taking pictures of wild turkey this spring. However, when the season opened, they disappeared. He invited us up in the fall for a go at the elusive birds in his favorite area.

We fished beautiful Lake Champlain for salmon, but caught every species inhabiting the lake shy of lakers and browns. Northern Pike up to five pounds, large perch, walleyes up to three pounds, small mouth and large mouth bass. A few of the writers took salmon Saturday. No real size, though.

Ed Kehoe, director of Fish & Game, welcomed us Saturday night. He had a few fellows from his staff with him. Bob Candy and John Hall of the I & E Department.

Ed's department and New York State Fish & Game are carrying on a joint program of establishing a giant salmon fishery in Lake Champlain. Vermont stocked 600,000 landlock salmon this spring. One and two year old salmon are being taken now and they are in the 20" range. This rapid growth is proof of the amount of feed available in the lake. New York is stocking about the same number of salmon. Give it another two years and Lake Champlain will notch a reputation of being the best salmon fishing in the Northeast.

Forty-three writers and members of other media enjoyed the safari and the generosity of the Jacobus family. The chicken dinner offered by the Vermont Division was very tasty, and the lake trout, salmon, perch, and walleye served during the cocktail hour was delicious. The weekend was a success.

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Welcome To My World...

By Charles J. Duclos

How can a loser be a winner? Well, it happened last Saturday. Coach Bill O'Brien took his Agawam Polish Club-sponsored 16-and-under girls' soccer team to the state championships. These gals, playing in the Agawam Soccer/Pioneer Valley Soccer Association League, recently won all the marbles (soccer balls?) and the right to represent the division in the state's. And did they represent!

All concerned should be proud of the job they did. Even though there was only a handful of local townsfolks (parents) in attendance, these young people played for the honor of not only the association they represented, but also for the town's name they bore.

In two 15-minute overtimes, Agawam went down to defeat 3-2. Pitted against an equally aggressive team from Topsfield, the locals matched shot for shot and sally for sally everything that the opposition offered. First half regulation play gave neither side the edge; however, Melissa (Missy) Sullivan had to be one of the most frustrated players for Agawam, as she had four or five in-close shots on goal and wasn't able to slip it past the Topsfield goalie. Testimonial should be also be given to the foe's goaltender for a super game.

You know that expression, "If at first you don't succeed..." Well, Missy Sullivan may not have succeeded on the first, second, etc. try, but shortly into the second half, she blistered one to give us a 1-0 position. With ten minutes left, Topsfield returned the favor and evened up.

In the overtime, Pam Rowen surged the hometown ahead again, but Topsfield picked up two to close the game.

Whom shall I say were the start of this tournament? Coach Bill O'Brien pulled every play from his hat and utilized all fifteen players, each playing her best for the team. Julie Miodowski rose to the challenge time and time again, as did Topsfield's goalie. But eventually, there's got to be a lucky break for someone.

After an outstanding performance in this slot throughout the season, Julie was handed a cruel blow by Lady Luck as she cast her glance momentarily in favor of the team from the other end of the state. It would be pointless to list each position at this point. Let it suffice to say that Lisa Chevalier, Carie Szabla, Diane Goodman, Kim Heckman, Deanne Duclos, Jennifer O'Brien, Michelle Duclos, Chris McCarthy, Tammy Potter, LeeAnn Sandlin, Pam Marganti, Dana Venturini, and those previously mentioned played their posts well and truly ended the season as winners...never losers.

The Benchwarmer

O'Malley Printers' Tri-County baseball team played 500 ball this past week...winning two out of four. They dropped Wednesday's game against Oliver Auto Body. Even though Steve Moge and Rick Mastroianni were credited with bringing home single RBI's and Mark Guindon picked up two more, it was not enough to close the gap on Oliver's 8. Blunt Park action the next night against Union Auto Parts again left O'M empty-handed as Union knocked in runs in the second, fifth, and sixth innings to take a 6-1 win.

An ulcer-maker on Sunday went nine innings (usually only seven are played in Tri-County) before Pete Slattery, Mark Beglane, and Paul Gramarossa pitched their way through Central Chevrolet in the first of a doubleheader. Led by this trio of hurlers and 14 well-placed hits, O'M shifted its way to a 6-5 victory. O'Malley jumped to a top of the first lead by two. Steve Moge scrambled to first on a dropped third strike, but was later mowed down in a squeeze play between third and home. Lou Conte and Rick Mastroianni both reached safely and were rifled across by Mark Guindon before the inning's end.

Central picked up one each in the bottom of the first and third, but by the middle of the fourth, O'M led 3-2. Crafty third inning running by Joe Miller resulted in a double steal and a run. Dave Stefan doubled in the 4th and was moved to third on Andy (Chet) Paine's single. Paine stole second, but the catcher's throw missed the mark and Stefano scored as the ball found its way to centerfield. In Central's part of the seventh, they tied it up to send extra innings along. Lou Conte walked in the ninth and hustled to second on Jack Dougherty's sacrifice bunt. Chet Paine eventually brought home Conte with the winning run.

Second half of the doubleheader found Mike "Snake" Riley handing Central a 6-4 loss. Riley had six strikeouts in the six innings he pitched before taking himself out of the game. Mike has been suffering from a bad ankle (broken, believe it or not. But the luck of the Irish would have it that it was healing quite nicely before a fluke incident required it to be X-rayed.) All's well that ends well. Mike got the win, Brian Sweeney finished the game, and O'Malley's ready for games this week.

SPLINTERS: Upcoming O'M games on June 27, Hadley at Hopkins at 2 p.m.; June 30, Chicopee Tigers at Szot at 7 p.m.; July 2, Hadley at Westfield Voc. High School, 6 p.m....Speaking of the luck of the Irish, there's an old Irish saying that if the bluebird of happiness drops upon you, you'll have good fortune. Well, Mike Riley's mother Marion was dropped upon twice by the birds at Forest Park during the Central games. Some people have all the luck...Welcome home, Benjamin...Two of O'M's most avid fans are Danny D'Alma's sister Diane and Rick Mastroianni's sister Lisa.

American Legion Post 185 (Wilson-Thompson) sponsored hometeam has been having its problems bringing home a winner thus far. As of Monday night (that game having been rained out), Agawam has dropped four straight. The last two were against Northampton and Holyoke. They have potentially a good team, and we look forward to many tallies in the win column before the end of the season.

Agawam broke the jinx Tuesday night as Boo Smith and spunky squad scared spectators - all survived. Coach Gerry Smith did himself proud by starting son Boo on the mound. Although the young, soon-to-be high school junior had to be relieved in the 7th, the kid in the overall didn't hurl too badly. As a matter of fact, he hit and ran okay by driving in two and crossing himself twice with Agawam's winning its first in five tries.

No runs across for either the Chicopee American Legion Post 452 or Agawam in the first two innings. Kevin Barnes, playing heads-up ball, speared a sharp line drive that should have been trouble and a possi-

ble double. He not only put out the batter, but also quick as a wink stepped on first to double up the lead off batter who had walked.

Chicopee picked up two runs in the third, but Agawam rebounded in the fifth and tied. What a strange half inning. John Calabrese singled, but was tagged out at first for rounding the corner, as if he were going to second. Boo Smith singled and went to second on a passed ball. Scott Negrucci walked. Dave Lyne singled and went to second on an error, while Smith scored and Negrucci hugged third.

Kevin Barnes with one out fled to centerfield. Now here's where the problem began. It appeared that the center fielder caught the fly ball in his pants (if this weren't a family paper, I could fly on this one) instead of his glove, which is what it was made for. Lyne started off second, while Barnes scored. The centerfielder threw to second to get Lyne, who was called out by the ump. Coach Smith quickly flew out and protested the fly out, but probably dropped it as the hometown won anyway. If I were the commissioner, it would take a fifth to figure out the fifth and not really knowing how to decide this fifth, I plead the fifth.

Agawam scored four in the sixth, one in the seventh, and one in the ninth. Smith was relieved in the seventh and Juan Rios, Paul Dezielle, and John Calabrese took turns putting Chicopee away, but not until they closed the gap to a final of 8-6. Credited with RBI's for Agawam were Negrucci, Lyne, Barnes, Smith, and Tony Bryant.

Little League East Continued...

June 15th the Raffoll Insurance Red Sox won by one run against the Soda City Dodgers. The Dodgers gave the game away with poor fielding.

June 16th the Sarat Ford Orioles won in a back and forth situation against the Police Association Yankees. Despite the Yankees pulling off 3 double plays, the Orioles massed 13 hits and pulled ahead to win, 11-9. A strong game was pitched by Oriole Scott Magnuson. Don Vinton did well at the plate, driving in 2 runs with his hit.

June 17th the Soda City Dodgers pulled it out of the bag as they won against the Raffoll Insurance Red Sox, 5-4. The strong pitching of Joe Warren held the Red Sox.

June 18th the Sarat Ford Orioles were again victorious over the Police Association Yankees. The Oriole infielders, Mike Butt, Peter Sibilia and Al Ingham played errorless ball pulled off a double play. A sparkling performance at the plate by Bob Win with 3-4 and 4 RBI's.

MAJORS

June 15th the Polish Club Indians had their hitting shoes on as they beat the Buxton Orioles, 13-5. Congratulations to Todd Godek as he hit his 6th homer of the season. The Indians record to this date is 5-1.

June 16th the Lion's Dodgers smashed 19 hits against the Mushy's Yankees. Connecting at the plate were Dodgers' Jim Laudato, Danny Bryden, Rick DiLullo, Nick Buoniconti, Keith Jacobs, Mike DeLullo, Jim Longhi, Mike Nicora and Lance Buoniconti.

June 17th was another last inning, last out, hold-your breathe win for the Rollaway Red Sox over the Buxton Orioles, 12-11. Mike Egan did a great job in

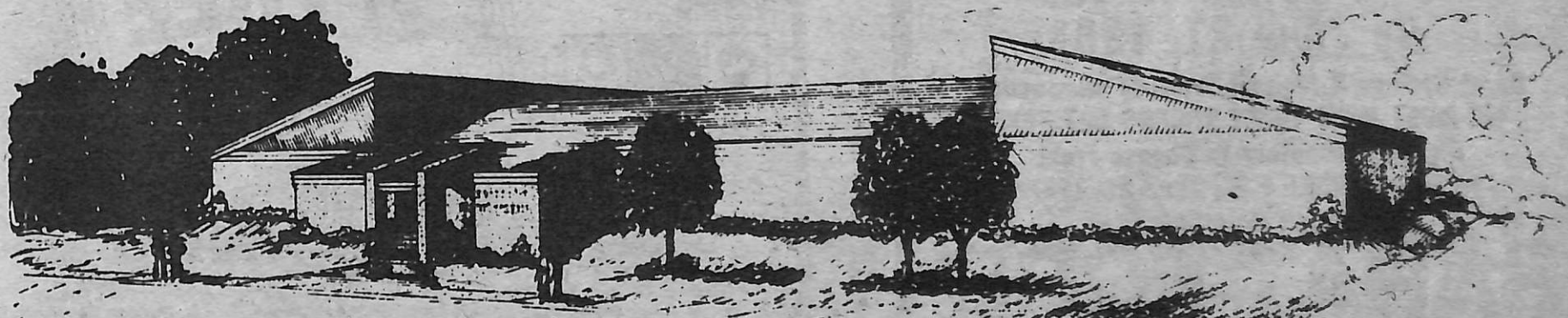
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relief, striking out 2 and stopping a run at the plate.

June 18th the Polish Club Indians were winners over the Mushy's Yankees. The Indians will try to keep this pace going when they meet the Dodgers in the playoffs.

June 19th was an exciting game between the Lion's Dodgers and the Rollaway Red Sox. The Red Sox at

one point were behind 4-0 and pulled up to 4-3, but again lost it in the late innings. Final score, 6-3, Dodgers.

MINORS

June 13 - game 1: Fire Association Indians over the Look Oil Dodgers. Good hitting performances were done by Indians Tim Rappa, a hard double, Larry Sheehan, Ted DeCosmo, Anthony Campiti and Brian Shameklis.

June 13 game 2: Suburban Real Estate Orioles over the Agawam Bowl Mets. Home runs were hit by Orioles David Sheehan and Jim Russell, both Grand Slams.

June 13 game 3: had the Lucia Lumber Yankees over the Beauty Boutique Red Sox, 10-5. David Dean and John Battista did the duty on the mound for the Red Sox. Hitters were Jonathan Hamel, Dennis Egan, John Paliaro, and John Battista.

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF
THE TOWN OF AGAWAM

An ordinance to amend Chapter 14, Article IV, Section 14-13 of the Code of the Town of Agawam.

Be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Agawam as follows:

Chapter 14, Article IV, Section 14-13, Sub-Section I entitled "The grade and salary range assignment of employees in the Town Clerical Group"; Chapter 14, Article IV, Section 14-13, Sub-Section II entitled "The grade and salary range assignment of employees in the Police Department"; Chapter 14, Article IV, Section 14-13, Sub-Section III entitled "The grade and salary range assignment of employees in the Fire Department"; Chapter 14, Article IV, Section 14-13, Sub-Section IV entitled "The grade and salary range assignment of employees in the Department of Public Works"; Chapter 14, Article IV, Section 14-13, Sub-Section V entitled "The grade and salary range assignment of employees in the Engineering Bureau"; Chapter 14, Article IV, Section 14-13, Sub-Section VI entitled "The grade and salary range assignment of employees in the School Maintenance Division"; Chapter 14, Article IV, Section 14-13, Sub-Section VII entitled "The grade and salary range assignment of employees in the Parks & Recreation Department"; and Chapter 14, Article IV, Section 14-13, Sub-Section IX entitled "The grade and salary range assignment of employees in the Health Group" are hereby amended as follows, effective July 1, 1981:

Such amendments are of a length too cumbersome for publication. Accordingly, copies of the amendments are now available for reference at the Office of the Town Clerk, 36 Main Street, Agawam, Ma. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

By order of the Agawam Town Council
 Edward A. Caba
 Town Council Clerk/Town Clerk
 Published June 25, 1981.

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF AGAWAM
Board of Appeals

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, JULY 2, 1981 at 7:30 P.M. o'clock to all parties interested in the appeal of MISISCHIA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. who are seeking relief from Section 20, Paragraph 24 (a) of the Zoning Ordinances to allow the construction of a single family residence with less than the side lot clearance at the premises known as 107 COSGROVE AVENUE.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
 Theodore A. Progulske, Chairman

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Board Of Appeals

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 Theodore A. Progulske, Chairman

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LEGAL NOTICE
MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue in execution of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage given by D.A. DeMATOS REALTY CO., INC. TO NORTHAMPTON INSTITUTION FOR SAVINGS dated January 11, 1979, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 4716, Page 254 of which the mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 noon on July 13, 1981 at 825 Springfield Street, Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts. The premises being sold are bounded and described as follows:

PARCEL I

Certain real estate situated in Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, being known and designated as Lot No. 5 (five) as shown on a plan of lots of Charles W. and Myrtle Hegeman and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 24, Page 75; said lot being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

NORTHEASTERLY by Amherst Avenue, fifty (50) feet;
 SOUTHEASTERLY by Lot No. 7 (seven) as shown on said plan, one hundred and 55/100 (100.55) feet;
 SOUTHWESTERLY by Giffen Place, fifty and 60/100 (50.60) feet; and
 NORTHWESTERLY by Lots No. 1 (one) and No. 2 (two) as shown on said plan, one hundred three and 70/100 (103.70) feet.

Being the same premises conveyed to D.A. DeMatos Realty Co., Inc. by deed of Anthony A. DeMatos dated January 25, 1971, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3564, Page 66.

PARCEL II

Certain real estate situated in Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, being bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the Southeasterly line of Springfield Street with the Southwesterly line of Amherst Avenue, and running thence SOUTHEASTERLY along the Southerly line of Amherst Avenue a distance of one hundred (100) feet to a point; thence running SOUTHWESTERLY along land now or formerly of George A. Dufeu, a distance of one hundred three and 70/100 (103.70) feet to a ten (10') foot right of way known as Giffen Place as described in a deed from Frances O. Barrett et al to Harry Austin dated April 25, 1903, recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 662, Page 304; thence running NORTHWESTERLY along said right of way now known as Giffen Place a distance of one hundred one and 19/100 (101.19) feet to said Springfield Street; and running thence NORTHEASTERLY along said Springfield Street a distance of ninety (90) feet to the place of beginning.

SUBJECT to a mortgage to the Third National Bank of Hampden County dated August 16, 1971, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 3615, Page 248.

The above premises will be sold subject to all outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments of liens, and easements of record, if any.

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IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND
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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF
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An ordinance to amend Chapter 14, Article III, Section 14-11 of the Code of the Town of Agawam.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF AGAWAM AS FOLLOWS:
 Chapter 14, Article III, Section 14-11, sub-section XI entitled "Unclassified Positions" is hereby amended as follows, effective July 1, 1981:

CHANGE AS INDICATED - XI. Unclassified Positions		
Rates Per Hour	Delete	Add
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Cafeteria Helper - Council on Aging	3.32	3.49
Bus Dispatcher - Council on Aging	3.32	3.59
School Traffic Officer	3.10	3.35

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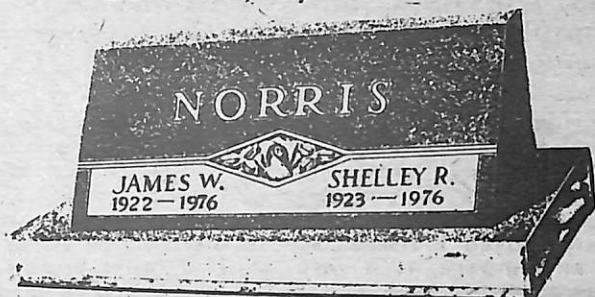
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